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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This second Monthly Progress Report is submitted in accordance with the Falcon Refinery Site Administrative Orders on Consent for Removal Action and Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and National Oil Recovery Corporation (NORCO).

This Monthly Progress Report and subsequent reports will address activities associated with both of the orders.

The next monthly progress report covering September, 2004 will be submitted on or before October 10, 2004.

2.0 COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

2.1 Removal Action Activities

The field work associated with the asbestos assessment was completed during August however the results have not been received. The results will be provided in the September Progress Report.

Public utilities have been marked in the street in accordance with standard operating procedures.

Perimeter fences have been repaired and the utility hook-ups are in progress. The site has been cleared of tall weeds.

To access the above ground storage tanks ASTs, berms were temporarily removed to create construction pads for the AST gauging sampling. Due to the poor condition of the stairs on the sides of the tanks a mobile hydraulic lift had to be used to safely access the tops of the tanks. All procedures used were in compliance with the Safety and Health Plan.

The gauging and compatibility sampling of the liquid and sludge in the AST's has been completed in accordance with the Removal Action Work Plan. Volume calculations and the analytical portion of the compatibility testing will be reported next month.

Subcontractors that will be bidding to perform demolition have been to the site. When a subcontractor is selected the EPA will be notified and the site safety plan may be augmented.

2.2 Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study (RI/FS)

The draft 1) RI/FS Work Plan, 2) RI/FS Field Sampling Plan, 3) RI/FS Quality Assurance/Quality Control Project Plan (QA/QCPP), Safety and Health Plan and the Quality Management Plans were being developed for early September delivery.

3.0 CHANGES MADE IN THE PLANS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

No changes were made to the plans during August.

4.0 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The EPA provided:

- An updated Community Involvement Plan (CIP) for the project;
- Names and addresses of concerned persons and local Corpus Christi media outlets;
- A mailer announcing a community meeting, which will be held on September 16, 2004 at 7 P.M. at the Ingleside City Hall, 2671 San Angelo, Ingleside, Texas 78362; and
- A newspaper announcement for the community meeting, which will run in the Corpus Christi Caller Times, The Aransas Pass Progress and the Ingleside Index during the first week of September.

5.0 CHANGES IN PERSONNEL DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

There have been no changes to the project personnel this reporting period.

6.0 LIST OF PROJECTED WORK FOR THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

6.1 Removal Action Work projected for the next two months includes:

- Performing the final water and electricity connections for the site;
- Selecting the demolition contractor;
- Establishing the emergency first aid station;
- Obtaining and setting up fire suppression equipment;

- Developing personnel and equipment decontamination facilities;
- Providing sanitary facilities;
- Removing grossly contaminated soil;
- Constructing a bioremediation cell to treat impacted soil;
- Initiating the removal of liquids from pipelines and storage tanks;
- Demolition of some storage tanks.
- Holding a community meeting to discuss the Agreed Order and Removal Action Work Plan.

6.2 RI/FS Work projected for the next two months includes:

- Submitting the draft RI/FS documents;
- Amending the draft RI/FS documents;
- Holding a community meeting to discuss the Agreed Order.

7.0 COPIES OF LABORATORY / MONITORING DATA

There have been no analytical or monitoring data acquired during this reporting period.